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DIARYL-2-(5H)-FURANONES AS
CYCLOOXYGENASE-2 INHIBITORS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is before a first action on the merits. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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